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## LETTERS

## Student Counseling Responds to Student Letter

To the Editor

I would like to respond to the author of the article titled "Sacrifice on the Altar of Love" in last week's *Newspeak*. The author's emotional suffering in accepting her life with herpes is painfully clear. I suspect she is not alone in this struggle. I empathize and am writing to inform the author and others that avenues of help do exist at WPI. The Student Counseling Center, 157 West Street (793-5540), has counselors trained to assist students to come to grips with

herpes and other physical and emotional difficulties. These services are free for WPI students and are, of course, strictly confidential. WPI provides physician care and other medical services (793-5520) also at no cost and also confidential. We will not judge, only try to help.

P.S. The sensationalism in the title selection of the article was unfortunate.

(Editor's Note: The title was chosen by the author of the letter.)

## 1985-1986 Financial Aid Applications

Applications for new financial aid applicants for 1985-1986 will be available in the Financial Aid Office, Thursday, January 17, 1985.

**Renewal applications** will be in students' campus mailboxes at the beginning of Term C'85. The application packets will include material and instructions for filing for all forms

of financial aid administered by the College.

Since the demand for funds exceeds the supply available, it is imperative that **due dates** be adhered to. The WPI Application (manila folder) must be returned to the WPI Financial Aid Office by **March 7, 1985**.

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## COMMENTARY

### Out of Turn:

## Worcester in the . . .

by David F. Wall  
*Newspeak Staff*

Well, here it is, December at WPI. Those of you from slightly warmer climes may find the ferocity of autumn a little bit astounding. Don't worry about it. It gets worse from here. Those of you who are worried about whether or not winter will live up to expectations need only come back here for Intersession to see that Worcester in the dark of the year is a lot like Alaska at the dark of the year—bloody horrible. I'm a fan of winter and rotten weather in general, but Worcester sort of takes the cake.

Pretty soon, there will be signs that extend beyond the mere temperature. There's the snow on the ground, of course, most of which is now ice due to the Arctic blasts that came in immediately after it.

You'll begin to notice students wearing a lot more clothes, even when you're inside. This is attributable to a number of things. The only dorms with an easily harnessed heating system on campus are the Stoddards. No one in Ellsworth or Fuller turns on the heat because running the electric heaters is more expensive than a closet full of sweaters and a drawer full of Dristan. Those of us who live off-campus might turn up the heat, if the building's heat works, but then they have to get all bundled up to come up to campus.

Worcester's meteorological hijinks are legendary. In the space of a single lecture recently, the sky performed the following feats:

It got sunny (from the cloudy skies we saw on the way to class).

It got cloudy again.

It rained.

It snowed.

It got sunny again.

It snowed again.

It got sunny again.

It snowed again.

By the time we left class, it had settled back down to cloudy. Cloudy is a familiar condition in Worcester. It's practicing for Comp periods,

when WPI is cloudy no matter what the weather is.

Which brings me to Comps. I'm taking mine in January, and with the blessing of the gods I may not have to take it again in March. The fever is already descending on those of us supplicating at the altar of Degree Requirements, fueled by the gyrations you go through just for the privilege, and departments trying to ease the fears of the students. I went to the CS Mock Comp and I have to commend them, for it did help boost my morale in this area a little. Most of the other departments are doing the same thing, in one way or another. Still, when you walk in front of your board, it's going to be difficult not to have a moment where you envision yourself back in the dark ages, and the three members of the committee become transformed into three less-friendly members of the Inquisition.

And, of course, it is the Christmas season. Lots of movies coming out, shopping malls being transformed into vessels for mass hysteria, sales in the Wedge, and so on, and so on. You have to come to college to really appreciate Christmas, I think. Where else but a college campus would you see twenty-five hundred aspiring scientists and engineers huddled in front of TV sets watching *How the Grinch Stole Christmas*? It's a manifestation of something I've discussed before—how the pendulum of our perceptions swings through a wider arc. We have to be so realistic when we're doing stuff for school that most of us go completely out to lunch, in whatever way we can, when we get a break from school.

Well, I've rambled on enough for this week. Unhappily, I have discovered that I didn't imagine the Happy Hour law after all—I just missed the implementation date by nine days. Ah well, nobody's perfect. Next week, my annual view on what Fate has given me, and maybe you, for Christmas. Until then, keep in mind that it could be worse.

It could be C-Term.

## GREEK CORNER

### Phi Sigma Sigma

Congratulations to Sue Morgan on her recent engagement, we wish you much happiness! Congratulations also to Sue Kreda on her recent induction to Tau Beta Pi and the EE honor society.

Pledges keep cranking, we're psyched and we hope that you are too.

Remember only 4 days to go; do you have a date yet?!

### Sigma Pi

The brothers of Sigma Pi would like to thank the sisters of Phi Sigma Sigma for cooking us breakfast on Thursday morning. Next time when your pledges get caught in our house we would appreciate bacon with the eggs.

In keeping with the holiday spirit, Sigma Pi went Christmas caroling at a couple of old age homes in Holden on Saturday evening.

Last night Sigma Pi held its annual Christ-

mas mixer. The eggnog flowed and joyful spirits were raised as was at the Snowflake Ball on Friday.

By the way maggots, when are you going to have a real raid? The snow ballfight was feeble.



## CLUB CORNER

### Pi Mu Epsilon

Pi Mu Epsilon is interested in organizing two three-person teams to compete in the first annual competition in Mathematical Modelling sponsored by the Consortium of Mathematics and Its Applications (COMAP). The competition will offer students the opportunity to com-

pete in a team setting using applied mathematics in the solving of real world problems. Team members need not be either members of Pi Mu Epsilon or Math Majors. Anyone interested should come to a meeting in Stratton 205 on Friday, December 14 at 11:00 a.m. or contact Professor Creagan before then.

### ...Survey

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interpret an A, B, C, NR transcript.

Some students may get better jobs if the companies have an easier to understand A, B, C, NR transcript.

Some WPI students may be motivated to work harder if they are able to earn grades of A, B, C instead of AD, AC.

Grade inflation may be better controlled at WPI if faculty could use a grade of B; some faculty feel that they are giving a grade of AD

for high B work that the grade of B would be given if it were available."

As part of the questionnaire Hagglund asks for "well thought out, written comments . . ." on each of these reasons.

Professor Hagglund feels that this survey can play an important part in the decision-making process of the faculty in this most important matter. For this reason, he is asking for a 100% return of the survey from both students and alumni.



## SPORTS



An Engineer flies for the hoop as Babson defends from behind.

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A Cindy Perkins shot arcs toward the hoop.

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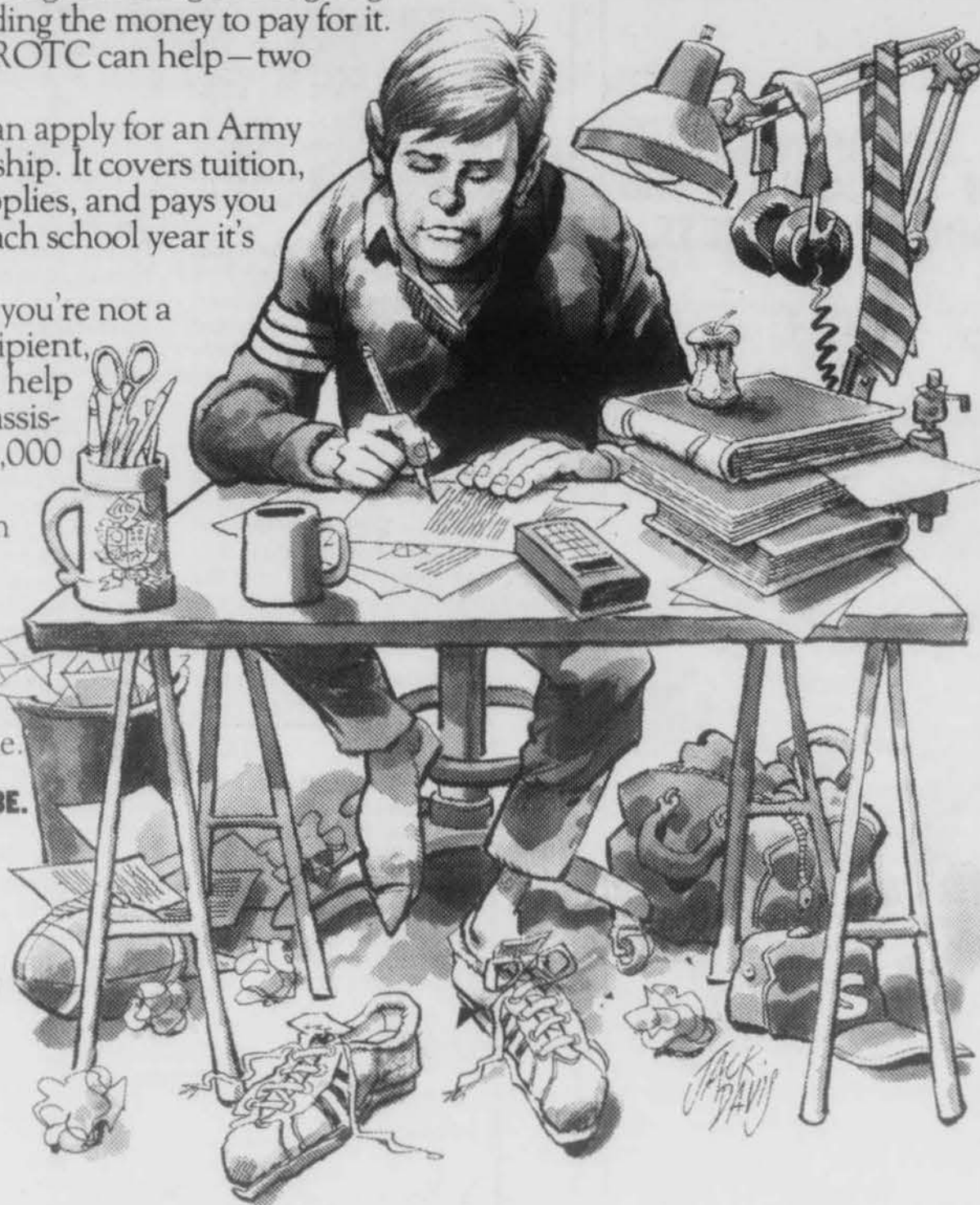
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## Tech Hoopsters Take Two

by Robert Masi

The Engineer basketball squad added two very big victories this past week, upping its season record to 4-1. Tuesday night WPI hosted Babson in their seasonal matchup. Behind John Loonie's first-half 17 points and 11 rebounds the Engineers were able to build a 36-25 halftime lead. But Babson did not quit, as they raced back to catch the Engineers at 56-56 and before time-out was called, they held a four-point lead with about 5 minutes remaining. Babson tried to stall and WPI was forced to put them at the foul line. Luckily for the Engineers, Babson missed 3 consecutive front-ends of one-and-ones leaving the door open for WPI and Orville Bailey. Following a missed foulshot with 9 seconds Bailey dribbled the length of the court, and threw a spectacular 5-foot double pump bankshot to edge Babson 66-65.

Thursday night the Engineers hosted another one of their seasonal foes, the Cardinals of Wesleyan College. The first half saw Orville Bailey and Paul Lubas of WPI connecting on numerous outside bombs giving the Engineers an early lead. But Coach Kaufman was forced to go to his bench and center John Loonie recorded his third foul after 5 minutes, and Freshmen Chris Brunone and Keith Willis were called in to pick up the slack. As they headed into the locker room, WPI led 30-28. The second half was a see-saw battle with the two teams alternating baskets almost consistently. This time the Engineers were put on the foul-line under pressure and responded by hitting 5 of 6 free-throws in the last 32 seconds to ice the game at 60-56. Next home game is tonight against Amherst at 8:00 p.m.

## WPI Ice Engineers Slip to 2-3

When WPI took the ice on Saturday, December 1st, the stage was set for another classic WPI-URI showdown. The two rival schools entered the game undefeated, WPI (2-0), URI (4-0), on the Tech home ice in Worcester. However, the pregame excitement was far more intense than the game itself.

With URI leading 2-1, Mike Duquette continued his fine season with a goal on a fine set-up from Dean Parziale. With the score tied up at 2-2, URI ran off five straight goals, then Duquette stepped in with another goal, this one coming unassisted. The game ended in an 8-3 rout for URI and a major disappointment for WPI.

Coming off a tough 7-3 loss to the URI Rams, the WPI Hockey team took to the ice Wednesday night in Cambridge to play the MIT Engineers. After a scoreless first period in which both teams played well defensively, the play opened up.

MIT scored the first early in the second period, but WPI came back strong to score the next three goals. The first was scored by left

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## Friday, Nov. 30

2:25 a.m. — Sergeant reported stopping a vehicle on Institute Road behind the Pub. Driver was cited for a one way violation, speeding and driving as to endanger.

## Saturday, Dec. 1

1:20 a.m. — Sergeant reported visiting a fraternity regarding minors having been served alcohol.

3:00 a.m. — An irate citizen called to complain of noise coming from a fraternity. Officer reported speaking with fraternity security. They agreed to lower music. Music was excruciatingly loud.

## Sunday, Dec. 2

4:22 a.m. — A student entered the office to

report he had just broken some windows in the connector between Alden and Riley Hall. Subject was informed that he would be billed for the vandalism.

## Wednesday, Dec. 5

11:20 a.m. — A report was received of two males in Freeman Plaza asking students for money. Officers responded and advised subjects of trespassing and how to obtain proper permission for soliciting on campus.

## Thursday, Dec. 6

12:13 a.m. — Officers reported having found a Christmas tree on the west lawn of Higgins House. Subjects had been scared away. Tree

was taken from the church. It was returned to the church parking lot.

1:05 a.m. — Student called to report she had just struck a parked car on Trowbridge Street due to slippery conditions. Officers were contacted to check and WPD was notified.

1:45 a.m. — Officers reported advising students about throwing snowballs at dorms and passing cars. There were approximately 200 students in the Institute Road area. Officers tried to clear out area.

1:51 a.m. — Officer reported a non-WPI student throwing snowballs at the cruisers. Subject was accompanied by another male subject. Both were advised of trespassing and told to leave area approximately four times. When officer approached, subjects yelled and hollered

obscurities at the officer while continuing to throw snowballs at him.

1:55 a.m. — Officer reported having both subjects on Schussler Road near Highland. While placing subjects under arrest for trespassing, disturbing the peace and being a disorderly person, a struggle ensued. Officer was struck, and unknown subject began fleeing toward Highland Street. Second subject was identified as a student from Assumption. He was questioned and let go. WPD was notified of escaped subject.

9:45 p.m. — Officer reported vehicle pulling into Quad fast and dangerously. Officer pulled over vehicle. Alcohol was confiscated from individuals who were both under age. Subjects were warned and allowed to leave.

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## ARTS AND ENTERTAINMENT

### *Basileus Quartet: Of Relationships Between Young and Old*

by Jack Spadaro  
Newspeak Staff

This latest offering by the Cinematch Film Series is an insightful view of the clash experienced between young and old when they attempt to live and work as partners. The vehicle of a classical music quartet is cleverly implemented in demonstrating that young and old, though lacking similar interpretation of life, can share a common commitment to their careers as masters of the musical art.

After the death of their first-violinist and unofficial leader, the Basileus Quartet's three remaining members agonize over the impending breakup of one of Italy's and Europe's finest musical groups. They meet one last time in a private club and are readying to depart when, alas, they are met by young Eduardo, 22 years old and recently graduated from the conservatory. The three skeptically afford him an audition and he astounds them with his technically superb and youthfully spirited violin playing. You can guess that "Edo" joins the group, which raises to fantastic heights, and the older men regain their previously abandoned musical and spiritual vitality.

As the story progresses, we find that "Edo" is quite a ladies' man and inspires a fair bit of jealousy among his older counterparts who, as he spends his nights womanizing and gambling, spends theirs sleeping and leading a dull existence all over Europe. The living and working

presence of a young man leads to a distinct arousal of paternal instincts within the older members of the foursome. This arousal is most acute in one, who eventually loses his mind for not having Eduardo as his own son. A light moment occurs after the group's debut, where, as they await "Edo" 's arrival at a fancy restaurant, all three of the older members produce the same new watch as a gift for the young violinist. Also, an ironic quirk is immediately realized as the young man misses dinner to entertain a lady friend.

An interesting moment is when Eduardo introduces the others to marijuana for the first time one night. All three react to the high differently, and one is still feeling depressed and slow the next morning. Upon awakening he proclaims: "I feel horrid. Beware... youth is dangerous." Only the night before, one had been heard to comment on embarrassment: "...and here we are, old men doing drugs." The acceptance of age is also highlighted as several allusions to the deaths of other quartet members, throughout the film, provokes comments and comparisons such as the following by cello player Alvaro: "As music can only resolve to silence, so can life lead only to death."

Politics has been left strictly aside as social concepts are effectively explored in this excellent and convincingly performed film by Italian director Fabio Carpi.

### **Cycling Team To Have Video Night Tonight**

by Erik DeBraie

On Tuesday, December 11, at 8:00 p.m., the WPI Cycling Team will hold its first Video Night at the Goat's Head Pub using Pub-vision (the big screen).

The team will be showing a film about the 1984 Tour de France; the annual cross-country bicycling event has more spectators than any other sporting event in the world. It takes a little less than a month to complete and takes the competitors around the entire perimeter of France (approximately 3,000 miles), through the Pyrenees and the Alps, to a finish at the Champs-Elysee in Paris. Bicycling observers wonder whether last year's victor Laurent Fignon, returning four-time champion Bernard Hinault, or another competitor will win.

The team will also be showing the Premiere 1984 WPI Criterium Bike Race video.

"This video is very rough, unedited, and raw filmstock and is being shown after the Tour de France only because of the popular demand for it. Despite its very amateurish (and at times highly embarrassing) cinematography and its being very much akin to a comic parody, the video does manage to show what WPI's inaugural race was like," says Bicycling Team President Erik DeBraie.

The event is open to all students.

### **Santa Claus Is Comin'**

by Jim Goodell  
Newspeak Staff

On Wednesday, December 12, Santa will visit the WPI campus. He will be on the Hill for a fundraiser to support the Class of '87.

The Class of '87 will be selling pictures with the jolly ol' gent in the Wedge, from 3:00-7:00 p.m. From what *Newspeak* hears, this ain't no Santa's helper—you know, the ones that you see doing the Mall circuit. This is the real thing. He's even bringing some elves with him. (He had to be booked two years in advance. That's right—when the other members of the sophomore class were applying for college the yet-to-be-elected officers were making arrangements for this event.)

This will probably be your only chance to get your picture taken with the real Santa. Don't pass up this opportunity on Wednesday between 3:00 and 7:00 p.m. in the lower Wedge.

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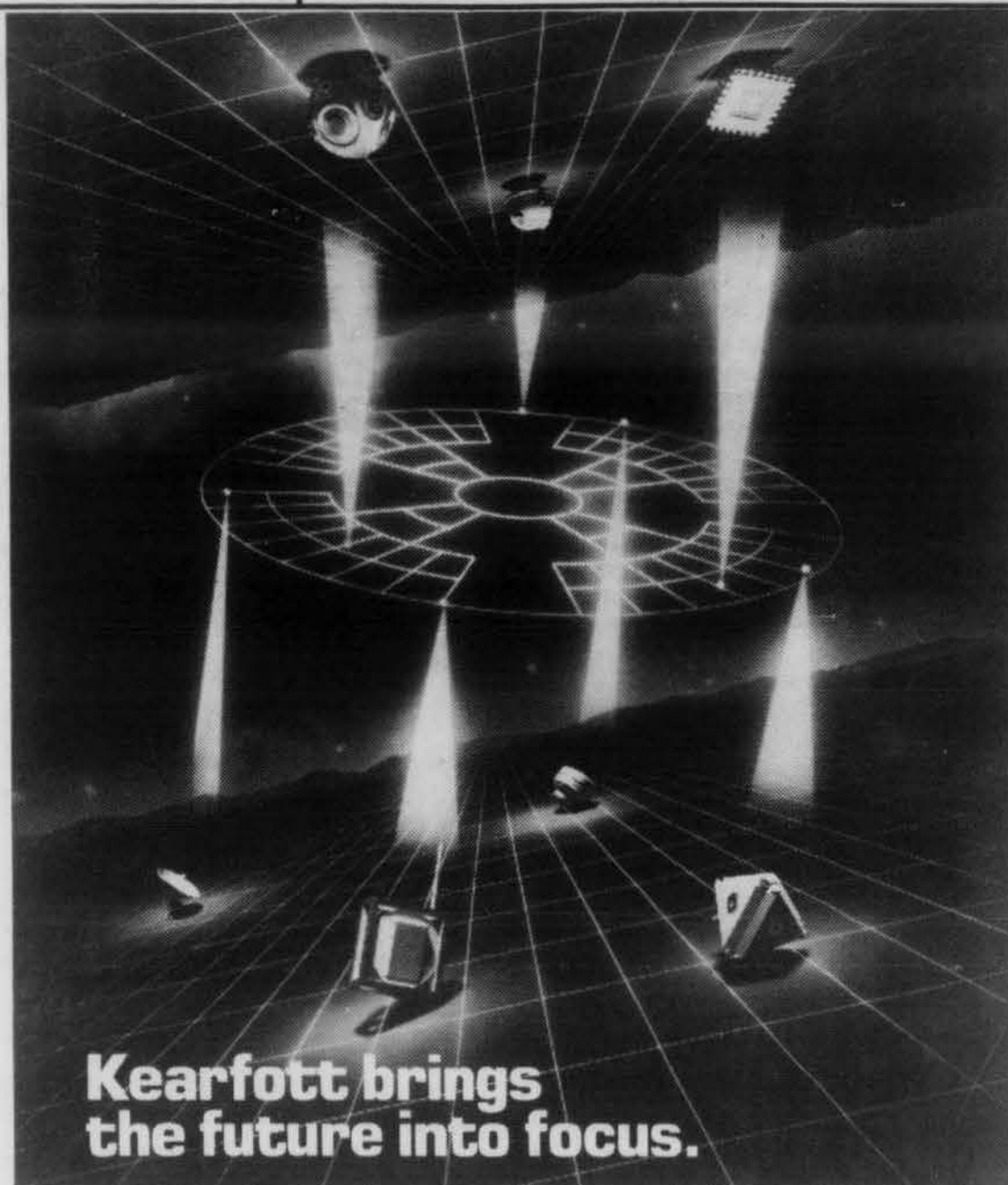
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## ... Ice Engineers

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winger Dave Latulippe with an assist to Dean Parziale. The second goal was scored by senior Todd Guay with an assist going to Ron Welter. Jim Handanyan assisted on a third goal by Jay Brown to give the Engineers a 3-1 lead. But, then the trouble started for WPI. MIT scored on a penalty shot to close the gap to only one goal.

During the next period and a half MIT scored five more times. Three of these goals were scored while MIT enjoyed a man advantage. The Engineers were not finished scoring however. Defenseman Dave Rossi scored with a few minutes left to give WPI hope for a comeback. But, MIT played tough and the Engineers skated off with a 7-4 win over WPI.

The Tech slump climaxed this past Saturday against Tufts University. The Jumbos completely dominated the contest and went on to hand WPI their first shut-out of the season. The game ended up at 3-0, but a fine game was turned in by Tech Goalie Rob Day.

WPI will try to regroup as they head on the road for a contest against CCRI on December 15th. The road trip will continue on to Rhode Island on January 25th, and then to Clark.



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# WHAT'S HAPPENING

## Tuesday, December 11, 1984

- 10:00 a.m. — Sweater and Jewelry Sale, Wedge
- 4:00 p.m. — Chemistry Colloquium, Dr. Donald Melchior, UMMC, GH 227
- Mechanical Engineering Colloquium, Dr. Harold Gegel, U.S. Air Force, WB 229 (lecture 4:30 p.m., refreshments 4:00 p.m.)
- Pub Entertainment
- 7:00 p.m. — Junior Class Meeting: "Juniors and Summer Jobs." Keynote speaker: Frank Consoli of Proctor and Gamble
- 7:30 p.m. — Film: *WR: Mysteries of the Organism*, Kinnicutt Hall
- 8:00 p.m. — Concert, Instrumental Music, Alden Hall
- Bike Team Videos: Tour de France and WPI Criterium, wide-screen Pub-vision.

## Wednesday, December 12, 1984

- 11:00-1:00 p.m. — Holiday Gift Wrapping by Women's Basketball Team, Wedge (today through December 19)
- 3:00-7:00 p.m. — Pictures with Santa Claus, to benefit Class of '87, Lower Wedge
- 3:30 p.m. — Department Heads' Meeting Archives Room

## Friday, December 14, 1984

- 8:00-11:00 p.m. — Dance Daze, Alumni Gym, \$2.50

## Sunday, December 16, 1984

- 4:00 p.m. — Christmas Vespers, Alden Hall

## Tuesday, December 18, 1984

- 10:00 a.m. — Poinsettia Sale, Wedge

## ...Alcohol Policy

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out of the hands of those in the accident-prone bracket.

Wilkes sees in this control, though, a more important motive than prevention of drunk driving. Alcohol is being used as a symbol to send a message from the middle aged to the younger generation of control, practicality, pragmatism. Perhaps in response to a perceived decline of the U.S. in the world, the word is being sent out that more will be expected of this generation than previous ones, and any-

thing that stands in the way of self-control and rationality is suspect. In this view, the drunken driver has become the newest villain in the American morality play.

Regardless of causes, the change is upon us. A bill just passed by the Massachusetts House and Senate will raise the drinking age to 21 on June 1, 1985. The bill needs only to be signed by the Governor to become law, and it may indeed be law by the time you read this.

How will the new age affect WPI's alcohol policy? According to Glenn DeLuca, WPI will

be "looking to serve the majority." Statistics provided by the Office of Student Affairs show that of the present student body, 23% were 21 or older on September 1. This percentage increases by about one and a half percent per month until in May, 36.1% of all students will be 21 or older. These figures vary only slightly from year to year. According to DeLuca, it is very unlikely that alcohol will be served at events for the convenience of so few.

Down at the Goat's Head Pub, plans call for alcohol to be allowed only in the back room

with the outer room serving as a common room for all ages.

And what of the fraternities? IFC President Barry Tripp thinks things will be more strictly enforced and says, "I can see a real possibility of a dry rush next year."

Alcohol has been called the world's oldest drug. Despite centuries of coexisting with alcohol, society is still dealing with problems caused by it. Ultimately, these problems can be solved only by individuals choosing to drink responsibly, for no agency can legislate human behavior.

## College Vespers

On Sunday, December 16, at 4:00 p.m. in Alden Memorial Hall, Christmas Vespers will be celebrated. Adapted from the many Medieval ceremonies of lessons and carols, the Vespers will feature reading by a member of the college community and clergy. The music will be per-

formed by the WPI Brass Choir, the Men's Choir, the Women's Chorus, and the newly-founded Chamber Singers.

For this Vespers of Christmas, Alden Hall will be transformed into a Collegiate Chapel, complete with a choir screen and choir stalls for

the readers. The ceremony will be mostly by candlelight.

Besides the traditional carols, sung by the choirs and congregation, the choirs will perform works in French, English and Latin. These will stem from the entire repertoire of

music from a plainsong to twentieth-century Randall Thompson. The ceremony will end with the Halleluia Chorus from Handel's *Messiah*.

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